

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Michael W. LEVITEN Applicant:

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Title:

Transgenic Mice Containing Ubiquitin-

Specific Protease Gene Disruptions

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Paras Jr., Peter

Customer No.

26619

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R-456

Date:

July 7, 2003

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003 in connection with the aboveidentified application, Applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. The Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time for response to the Office Action for a period of one month from June 7, 2003 up to and including July 7, 2003.

Applicant also submits that this Amendment follows the revised format described in AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED, published in Official Gazette on February 25, 2003. As such, only one copy of each replacement paragraph, section or claim is required.